



My School DC Parent Advisory Council Overview Lottery School Year 2025-26

About My School DC

Washington, DC residents have many public school options. My School DC, in partnership with DC Public Schools (DCPS) and DC public charter schools, makes it easy for families to take advantage of these options through a common application and public school lottery. The common application allows families to apply to multiple public schools in one place, and the common lottery is a single, random lottery that determines placement for new students at all participating schools. More at MySchoolDC.org.

About the Parent Advisory Council

Parent voices are critical to ensuring that My School DC is an equitable and valuable resource for families. Parents and guardians who serve on the My School DC Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will learn about My School DC priorities, provide input on the design and implementation of policies, programming, and new initiatives, serve as ambassadors of information to their respective schools and communities, and advise the [Common Lottery Board](#) – My School DC’s governing body – on major policy decisions. The PAC is comprised of parents and guardians from all eight Wards of the District. In addition, My School DC aims to ensure representation of families with children in early learning, elementary, middle, and high schools who attend DC Public Schools (DCPS) and DC public charter schools.

Membership

Membership is voluntary and includes the following criteria:

- DC resident;
- Parent or guardian of a child in or about to attend public school (DCPS or Charter);
- Interest in public education and policy, and support of the common lottery process;
- Attendance at all quarterly meetings*;
- Monthly time commitment of 1-2 hours (i.e. serving on a PAC working group, volunteering at special events, sharing feedback with My School DC staff members, etc.);
- Share information with and on behalf of your respective communities (i.e. sharing social media posts, emailing neighborhood listservs, co-leading Lottery 101 sessions, etc.).

PAC members are required to attend **all quarterly meetings. However, there are other measures for follow-up and engagement if a PAC member must miss a meeting.*

Meeting Schedule

The PAC meets quarterly on Monday evenings from 6-8:00 p.m. New PAC members will have an in-person orientation before the quarterly meetings begin.

The following is the meeting schedule for the 2025-26** school year lottery cycle:

- Saturday, October 5, 2024 (10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; in-person new member orientation session)
- Monday, October 7, 2024 (6-8:00 p.m.; in-person quarterly meeting)
- Monday, January 6, 2025 (6-8:00 p.m.; virtual quarterly meeting)
- Monday, April 21, 2025 (6-8:00 p.m.; virtual quarterly meeting)
- Monday, July 14, 2025 (6-8:00 p.m.; in-person quarterly meeting and EOY celebration)

***Meeting dates are subject to change with advance notice. Meetings will be held virtually and in-person during the 2025-26 school year lottery cycle. Virtual meetings will be held on the Microsoft Office Teams platform and in-person meetings will be held at the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) located at 1050 First St NE.*



How to apply

[My School DC](#) – the common application and public school lottery for DC Public Schools (DCPS) and public charter schools in DC (pre-K 3 through grade 12) – is actively recruiting for parents and guardians to participate in its [Parent Advisory Council \(PAC\)](#) with a focus on members from **Wards 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8**.

All interested individuals should apply here by June 30, 2024: <https://bit.ly/SY2526PACApp>.

If you have questions or need help completing the application, call (202) 888-6336 or email info.myschooldc@dc.gov.